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Testimony in support of

Senate Bill 383 and

House Bill 5403

Dear Senators and State Representatives of the Finance Committee,

My name is Juana Valle and I live in *New Haven*, Connecticut.

I am a member of ULA and the Recovery for All coalition. We come together from every town in Connecticut to make this state a place where everyone can thrive, no matter the color of their skin, their gender, their background, national, or its language.

I would like to give my testimony in support of:

- **Senate Bill 383 and**
- **House Bill 5403**

Connecticut is the richest state in the country, but it's also the state with the worst inequality. Connecticut's tax system enriches the rich and impoverishes the working class and middle class.

These bills would be a tax cut for many working-class families like mine.

We were called heroes during the pandemic, because we do the work that makes this state thrive. However, working people are living paycheck to paycheck, with unpaid bills.

We work hard, take care of our families, and are good neighbors. We want to give a better life to our children, but it seems that the state has turned us against it.

It's not fair that we pay a higher percentage of our income in taxes than the wealthy people of Connecticut. It is not fair that we contribute a greater share of our income to the financing of schools, colleges and universities, infrastructure, health programs and other public services. vital ones on which we all depend. The ultra-rich have rigged the rules to their favor and benefit from the work of others while not being required to pay what they owe. Enough is enough. We want justice.